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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76105

, Hirohiko TSUZUKI, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/612,955

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 4760

Examiner: Satyendra K. SINGH

Filed: July 7, 2003

For: CARRIER FOR CELL CULTURE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, containing a restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, **Group IV (Claims 17-19)**. As indicated at Section No. 9 (page 5) of the Office Action, Claims 12-15 link inventions II and IV, such that by the present election of Group IV, Claims 12-15 will also be examined.

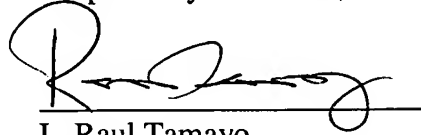
In addition, the Examiner did not include Group V (Claim 20) in the inventions linked by Claims 12-15. Applicants submit that Claims 12-15 also link Group V to the inventions of Groups II and IV. For example, Claim 20 depends from Claims 12 and 19.

An Office Action on the merits is requested, and allowance of the application is believed to be in order; such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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